

Torrance, California
May 3, 1949

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, May 3, 1949 at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, Mayor Sherfey welcomed a delegation of high school students who were attending the Council meeting for the purpose of observing the procedure of the Council on city government.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication from Mrs. Samuel R. Borland was read requesting permission to park a house trailer at 3708 Del Amo Boulevard until a garage house is built.

Councilman Jackson moved that a temporary permit for a period of ninety days be granted Mrs. Borland. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from R. F. Witter, Director, Bureau of Right of Way and Land, City of Los Angeles, was read enclosing for acceptance Agreement for Joint Use, executed by the County Sanitation District No. 5 of Los Angeles County, in the matter of the improvement of Western Avenue, 182nd Street to 260th Street.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1979

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE EXECUTED FEBRUARY 9, 1949, BY THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT SAID DOCUMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1979⁸⁵ be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1979⁸⁵ be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1980

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BEING ENTERED INTO FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KNOWN AS LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1980 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1980 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 461

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 15, AND LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 18, ALL IN TRACT NO. 2761 FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 461 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 461 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 462

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1949 EDITION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 312 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 462 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 462 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

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ORDINANCE NO. 463

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR
FILING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 463 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that urgency Ordinance No. 463 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Wilfred A. Connell be temporarily employed as an Automotive Equipment Mechanic, effective May 4, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$242.00 per month.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of rock and oil for street repair purposes, the sum of \$523.24. (From State Gas Funds)
2. That the bid of Empire Steel Buildings Company for a 50' x 100' metal building, in the amount of \$6,975.00 including tax, be accepted as the most advantageous bid to the City and that all other bids be rejected and that the bidders' bonds or checks be returned.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication, addressed to Mayor Sherfey, from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, was read confirming their assurance, in connection with the granting to said company of a franchise across Lomita Boulevard, that they will also flag their oil spur crossing at Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevards.

Councilman Jackson moved that the communication be received and filed for future reference. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

With reference to a proposed ordinance governing installation of outdoor advertising signs in the City of Torrance, Councilman Drale was of the opinion that the ordinance on signs remain the same in all districts, and if it is to be amended that it be so amended that the City will derive some revenue from all signs placed on its property.

Councilman Drale moved that City Manager Stevens be authorized to purchase a ladder mount for the Park Department to be used for topping trees. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Fire Chief McMaster advised that Hogan Well No. 1 was found to be in a dangerous condition. A communication was addressed to the owner giving him fifteen days in which to remedy this hazard, and to date no reply has been received. Chief McMaster requested the Council to take the necessary action to alleviate this condition.

After some discussion, the City Attorney presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1981

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THAT HOGAN NO. 1 OIL DERRICK IS IN AN UNSAFE CONDITION AND CONSTITUTES A NUISANCE, AND DIRECTING THE ABATEMENT OF THE SAME.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1981 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Smith said that City Manager Stevens just handed him a copy of Resolution No. 1, the first resolution of the Planning Commission relative to the change of a street name in the City of Torrance. This, he said, was an action taken by the Planning Commission to change the name of Guadalupe Avenue to Mullin Avenue. Mr. Smith continued saying, "There is no authority that I can find for changing a name of a street under the actual circumstances which exist. The State Law and the City of Torrance does not give the Planning Commission any authority to change the name of a street, unless there are two streets bearing the same name, or the streets are so named there is a conflict between them - the City Planning Commission has no authority to make this change because they are only an Administrative Body. In my opinion the Council has no authority to change the name of a street".

There then followed considerable discussion on the proposed change.

City Attorney Smith pointed out that the planning act clearly states there is only one way to change a street name, and the facts are not sufficient in this case to warrant a change. He then proceeded to read that portion of Ordinance No. 443 relating to change of street name.

Councilman Drale was of the opinion that there is enough confusion to require the passage of a resolution, if necessary, to change the name of the street in question.

Councilman Haggard moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary resolution to change the street names as requested. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Patronskey of Hollywood Riviera, remarked that their area has no playgrounds, nor sidewalks, and no law enforcement, and he requested the Council to provide adequate recreational facilities and to post the necessary signs prohibiting speeding.

Mayor Sherfey informed Mr. Patronskey that Camp Vaughn Scott has been partly improved and is being rehabilitated for recreational purposes, and that Chief Stroh has agreed to have posted the necessary speeding signs, as well as to provide better policing in that area.

Councilman Jackson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:41 p.m., on motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE